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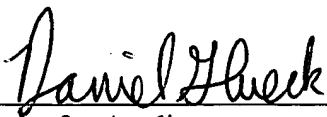
Favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 29, 31, 33 through 43, and 46 through 49 are pending, with Claims 29, 33, 34, and 40 being independent. All claims were allowed. Claims 44, 45, and 50 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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